

CHAPTER 22  
SANITARY CONDITIONS FOR BARBERSHOPS  
AND BARBER SCHOOLS

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**645—22.1(158) Rules posted.** The manager of each barbershop shall keep a copy of these rules (Chapter 22, “Sanitary Conditions for Barbershops and Barber Schools,” Iowa Administrative Code) posted in a conspicuous place in the shop.

**645—22.2(158) License.** The original license, duplicate license or temporary permit, and the current renewal certifying that the practitioner is licensed or that the practitioner is a trainee certified by the board shall be visibly displayed for each licensee. Shop and school of barbering licenses along with the current renewal shall be posted and visible to the public therein.

**645—22.3(158) Sanitation.** Every barbershop shall be well lighted, properly ventilated and kept in clean, sanitary and orderly condition. All shops or schools shall have handwashing and toilet facilities accessible within the building.

**645—22.4(158) Quarters.** Barbering shall not be practiced in a residence unless the shop is completely separated from living quarters by a solid permanent partition. A solid door leading to a residence shall be permitted providing it remains closed during business hours except during entering and leaving. An outside entrance shall be provided.

**645—22.5(158) Quarters adjacent to other business.** A barbershop located in a room adjacent to a food service establishment, tavern or grocery shall be in a completely separate room, and doors between shall be rendered unusable except for emergencies.

**645—22.6(158) Plumbing.** Barbershops shall have an adequate supply of potable hot and cold water under pressure.

**645—22.7(158) Equipment.**

**22.7(1)** Except as set forth in subrule 22.7(2), all styling and haircutting tools, instruments and equipment in a shop or a school of barbering which come in contact with a patron’s hair, nails or skin, except those which come in contact with blood or body fluids, shall be sanitized before use on each patron by cleansing thoroughly with soap and hot water, and then be disinfected by complete immersion in an EPA-registered, hospital-grade, bactericidal, virucidal and fungicidal disinfectant that is mixed and used according to the manufacturer’s directions, after which the tools and implements should be dried and placed in a closed cabinet. All tools and implements which have come in contact with blood or body fluids must be disinfected by complete immersion in an EPA-registered, hospital-grade and tuberculocidal disinfectant that is mixed and used according to the manufacturer’s directions. Disinfected implements must be stored in a disinfected, dry, covered container. All germicidal solutions shall be labeled.

**22.7(2)** All metallic instruments shall be kept clean by wiping carefully after each use with cotton saturated with an approved disinfectant solution. It is recommended that the solution used with metallic instruments be an EPA-registered, hospital-grade, bactericidal, virucidal and fungicidal disinfectant that is mixed and used according to the manufacturer’s directions, which shall be kept at each occupied work station.

**22.7(3)** An EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfecting agent shall be available for immediate use at all times a shop or barbering school is in operation.

**22.7(4)** A barbershop owner shall provide closed cabinets or drawers for the keeping of all tools and towels when they are not in use.

**22.7(5)** A barbershop owner shall provide a minimum of one washbasin or lavatory for every two barber chairs in use. The washbasins or lavatories shall be so situated that one is readily accessible to the operator of each barber chair.

**645—22.8(158) Workstands.** All workstands shall be covered with some kind of nonabsorbent, washable material. All bottles, jars, receptacles, compartments, and containers of all kinds shall be properly labeled at all times, and all barbering equipment shall be maintained in a sanitary condition.

**645—22.9(158) Dusters and brushes.** The common neck duster or brush and the common shaving mug, soap and brush shall not be used in any barbershop or school.

**645—22.10(158) Hands.** Barbers shall wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water before serving a patron.

**645—22.11(158) Headrest.** Each barber chair headrest shall be provided with a mechanical paper container and clean shaving paper or clean towel.

**645—22.12(158) Towels.** Freshly laundered towels shall be used for each patron. In haircutting, shampooing, or similar activities, a freshly laundered towel or new neck strip shall be used to prevent the hair cloth from directly contacting the skin of the patron. Soiled towels shall not be left on lavatory or workstand but shall be immediately disposed of in a container for that purpose.

**645—22.13(158) Styptic powder and alum.** Alum or other material used to stop the flow of blood shall be used only in liquid or powder form.

**645—22.14(158) Other disease carriers.** No pets of any kind shall be permitted in a licensed barbershop or school except guide dogs.

**645—22.15(158) Supervisor duty.** It shall be the responsibility and duty of each supervisor of a barbershop to see that all employees observe all applicable rules.

**645—22.16(158) Inspection report posted.** Barbers shall post in a conspicuous place the prior inspection report for each respective shop.

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